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**Amendments to the Specification:**

Insert as the first paragraph of the specification, the following *new* paragraph:

This application is an continuation-in-part of U.S. Serial No. 08/148,095, filed on November 5, 1993, now abandoned; and also a continuation-in-part of U.S. Serial No. 07/918,895, filed on July 20, 1992, now U.S. Patent No. 5,554,580, which is, in turn, a continuation of U.S. Serial No. 07/618,335, filed on November 26, 1990, now abandoned, which is, in turn, a division of U.S. Serial No. 07/435,898, filed on November 13, 1989, now U.S. Patent No. 5,006,148.